

## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

### BIRD KEY YACHT CLUB

Thursday, October 21st | 11:00 am

## Vickie Oldham, President & CEO, Sarasota African American Cultural Arts Center & History Museum

Join us for our October Program Luncheon at **11:00 am, Thursday, October 21, at Bird Key Yacht Club!** Our guest speaker is Vickie Oldham, President and CEO of the Sarasota African American Cultural Arts Center and History Museum.

Vickie knows how to create a story and how to tell it. In 2016 she was chosen to develop a project about the history of the African American community. The result was *Newtown Alive*, an exciting heritage tourism program that has developed historic markers, trolley tours, a book, a podcast, and a traveling exhibition.

This work has evolved into the creation of the Sarasota African American Cultural Arts Center and History Museum, which was unanimously approved by the City Commission recently.

You may remember seeing her on ABC7 as a reporter and creator of *Common Ground*, a program featuring interviews from the African American community. She also produced documentaries and was the prime mover



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behind *Looking for Angola*, an archaeological search for the first settlement of African American people at Manatee Springs.

On Thursday, October 21, Vickie will share this exciting story of preserving and celebrating the history of Sarasota's Black community. Sign up now on our website: [artsadvocates.org](https://artsadvocates.org)!

**Registration is required by October 14.**

**Members: \$35**

**Non-members: \$38**

*Please note that our gathering will take place with a new format, in response to our member survey indicating a strong preference for streamlined meetings. We will begin check-in at 11:00 am; lunch will be served at 11:30 and our program will start immediately after lunch. The cost includes lunch and the program. **Masks and being vaccinated are required (on the honor system).***

Leading arts organizations in Sarasota, under the umbrella of the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, have joined together and issued a Joint Covid-19 Statement committing to "uphold vigilant health and safety protocols for the protection of our community, patrons, artists and staff and to maintain the economic stability of our institutions." Arts Advocates has joined these arts organizations in committing to establishing its own Covid-19 protocols that will be guided by the Joint Statement.

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It's gratifying to report that we will hold our first in-person luncheon since the start of the pandemic on Thursday, October 21, at Bird Key Yacht Club. We're delighted that our guest speaker will be Vickie Oldham, President and CEO of the Sarasota African American Cultural Arts Center and History Museum.



In our survey earlier this year you told us that luncheons in the past had been too long. We heard you and have changed the format. Starting in October, our luncheon and business meeting will be combined into one program starting at 11 am.

We are requiring that attendees wear a mask when not eating or drinking. A Covid-19 vaccination will also be required to attend the luncheon and other Arts Advocates in-person activities.

We are using the honor system and ask for your cooperation. We want to provide an environment where everyone will feel safe and comfortable.

Other upcoming events can be found on our Arts Advocates website under **Activities/Events**. We've got a lot planned for you in the next few months. Register now for the luncheon and our other activities so you don't miss out.

I can't wait to see you in person at Bird Key Yacht Club!

*Jeannette Paladino*  
Jeannette Paladino, President



# Celebrate our Highwaymen Paintings

Please join us at the Arts Advocates Gallery on **Thursday, October 7th, from 4-6 pm** to celebrate our new exhibit of five Highwaymen paintings graciously donated by our members Cecilia and Richard Conder.

The Highwaymen were a group of 26 black artists, including one woman, who were mostly self-taught and painted in Florida from the 1950s on for several decades. A few are still living. Because they were not invited to show their work in galleries, they sold their work from their cars along US 1 and A1A. These works will be a parallel collection to exhibit beside our Colony artists.

You'll enjoy wine and cheese, see old friends and make new ones among our members and their guests. This is a free event but registration is required.

Please bring the clothes, art pieces, china, and small decorative items you no longer need to donate to the Designing Women Boutique. As you know, Arts Advocates derives 60% of the income from the sale of these items. The holiday season is not that far off and we are already planning a holiday event at the boutique on December 9th.

Don't miss out on this fun event

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**



# Meet Artist Dan Houston at the Gallery

Our member artist, award-winning **Dan Houston**, is next up to exhibit his artworks in the Arts Advocates Gallery. Dan is the owner of [Architectoral Wall Decor Art Gallery](#) in Sarasota. His paintings will be on exhibit from **Saturday, October 16th through November 13th**.

Dan creates acrylic paintings on various platforms. His contemporary pieces include paintings and sculptures intended for architects, designers, interior decorators representing their clients as well as individual collectors. Framed and unframed abstract and realism paintings are created with acrylics and mixed media on paper, canvas and wood.

Dan is a graduate of The School of Visual Arts and Cooper Union in New York City.



A selection of artwork by award-winning artist, Dan Houston, pictured with his wife, Judith Turrentine.

# More Than Ever Year-End Fundraising Campaign

While the pandemic impacted arts organizations world-wide, we are proud to say that Arts Advocates remains strong and vibrant. The Board of Directors carefully managed the organization's finances, kept our members engaged by offering inspiring Zoom programs and even opened our first art gallery to showcase the Colony collection and display works by our member artists.

Now, **more than ever, we are asking for your support and active participation in the 2021 year-end fundraising campaign.** Your generous 2020 contributions of \$65,000 made it possible for us to offer scholarship aid to talented young people, present thought-provoking programs and share 20 of our works with the general public in a properly lighted appropriate environment.

**If you donate annually, we hope we can count on you to consider increasing your contribution. Our 2021 goal is \$70,000. Just imagine how much more of an impact Arts Advocates can have in our community with your increased financial support.**

Special thanks to our Board members, Advisory Board and Team Leaders for the thousands of hours they contributed to ensure that Arts Advocates remains an active force devoted to supporting the arts in our community.

**In mid-October, you will be mailed a packet of materials including a return envelope and a Donor Response Form. You can make your donation by:**

- ✎ Writing a check to The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota, Inc. and using the return envelope, or
- ✎ Donating on our website [artsadvocates.org/donate](https://artsadvocates.org/donate). Credit card payments may be made either on-line or by using the Donor Response Form, or
- ✎ Making a tax-free donation through your IRA account. We accept gifts of stocks and equities. Regarding these and legacy gifts, please contact Donna Maytham directly for more information. [pavlova03@comcast.net](mailto:pavlova03@comcast.net)

# Arts Advocates Gallery News

Visitors began arriving at the dot of 2 pm on Saturday, September 18, for our first member artist exhibit.

Donna Karambelas' paintings drew admiring comments from our members and the general public who visited the Arts Advocates Gallery during the 2-5 pm. visiting hours. They could also enjoy our renowned collection of Sarasota Colony paintings. During the week preceding the exhibit, board member Bill Rusling worked with Donna to hang her colorful, vibrant works.

Donna began a painting on an easel in the window that drew the attention of passersby. Several decided to come in and learn more about Donna's artwork and our organization. Her paintings will remain on exhibit through October 15th.

On behalf of the board, we want to thank Donna for helping Arts Advocates launch this new and exciting program and also for introducing so many of her friends to our organization. By all accounts, the day was a great success both for Donna and Arts Advocates.

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th**, when member Dan Houston will be painting in the Gallery and exhibiting several of his works (see story in this newsletter).

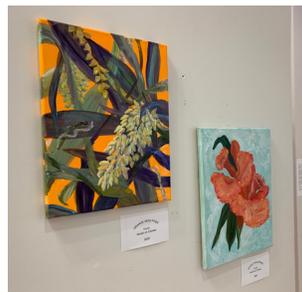
**Please save these dates so you can learn more about our member artists whose work will be exhibited in the coming months.**

Dan Houston	Saturday, Oct. 16 - Nov. 13, 2021
Marjorie Sayer	Saturday, Nov. 20 - Dec. 11, 2021
Violetta Chandler	Saturday, Dec. 18 - Jan. 15, 2022
Liz Trostli	Saturday, Jan. 22, - Feb. 19, 2022
Jerry Chesley	Saturday, Feb. 26, - March 19, 2022
Tony Reinemann	Saturday, March 26, - April 13, 2022

If you or one of our many member artists and would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact *Donna Maytham*.

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Top: Donna Karambelas  
Above: (l to r) Bob and Barbara Swan, member Carol Darling, member Beverly Burger

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## + November 2 | 11am

### Hermitage Artist Retreat Tour

Arts Advocates has arranged a private tour of the [Hermitage Artist Retreat](#) on Manasota Key (6630 Manasota Key Rd., Englewood, FL 34223). We will meet at the Hermitage to learn about this gem of an artist retreat from Artistic Director and CEO Andy Sandberg who will lead us on a tour of the campus. [Register](#) now.



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### Program Luncheon at Bird Key Yacht Club

In 2019, Sarasota Opera acquired an historic collection of 30,000 opera [costumes](#), some worn by the likes of Luciano Pavarotti, Beverly Sills, Placido Domingo and Marilyn Horne. Sarasota Opera General Director Richard Russell and Resident Costume Designer Howard Tsvi Kaplan will give us a taste of the spectacular collection—now providing rental revenue—and what it takes to maintain the elaborately embellished costumes. Mark your calendars!



## Meet Our New Editor

**Joan L. Golub** came to Sarasota in 2009 after living most of her life in New York City and Los Angeles. She began her professional life as an actress, working on Broadway, in TV and film. She then was involved developing projects for film and TV, working with writers and directors. Her family was involved in the arts, as performers, producers and supporters. Volunteer activities kept her involved in arts and cultural organizations. Upon arriving in Sarasota, she was appointed to the Tourist Development Cultural/Arts Program grants panel and served as a panelist for three years and then as the chair for three years. She currently serves on the Board of ensemble **NEWSRQ** and has been the President of the Advisory Board of NewMusicNewCollege. She has edited many newsletters, from her son's nursery school to a major trade association.

